

## Hacker Valley Post Office Suspension Meeting Statement

I attended the "closing ceremonies" for the Hacker Valley post office on June 8th, at the Hacker Valley Senior Citizen Center. Between 2 and 3 hundred Hacker Valley citizens attended.

We were told the US Postal Service is "loosing \$6,000,000 a day" and Hacker Valley post office is "loosing tens if thousands of dollars every year".

We were told services provided by the post office can be provided by the mail carriers. This just isn't quite true. If it were, then why have a post office anywhere?

Every day I talk to persons in our community finding it hard to deal with life without our post office. Like having to drive to Diana or Kanawha Head to buy a money order or mail a package. Not being able to get to the post office because they don't have enough time before or after work to make the 30 - 45 minute trip to Diana and back. The Kanawha Head post office is only open for three hours Monday - Friday.

We were told at the Senior Citizen meeting it's only 13 miles to Diana from Hacker Valley so that shouldn't inconvenience us much. That's much if you're walking, or buying the gas, or finding the time. Many HV residents, like those living down Replete Road, out on Brown's Mountain, Shock Town, Bender Town, Boggs Mill, or Buffalo Road, have more than a 30 minute drive to Hacker Valley, let alone Diana or Kanawha Head.

The post office may lose some money, but so do schools, police, fire protection, roads, highways, and a lot of other services and infrastructure necessary to our community.

We were told the postal service has no connection to the government and operates independently of taxpayer money. But when asked, they had to admit, their paycheck comes from the US treasury.

Then they drove away in a car with a US Government license plate.